IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE

ASHLEY DINAN, Pharm Tech.

STATE BOARD

License No.T02532

OF

Respondent

PHARMACY

Case No. PT-12-016

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2)(2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the registration to practice as a Pharmacy Technician (Pharm Tech) in Maryland issued to Ashley Dinan (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 12-101, et seq., (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

BACKGROUND

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland. The Respondent was first registered on September 4,
 The Respondent's registration expires on May 31, 2012.
- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Pharm
 Tech at a large regional grocery store with a pharmacy located therein, in Gaithersburg,
 Maryland.
- 3. On or about July 29, 2011, a loss prevention investigator conducted an investigation of the pharmacy and discovered that the Respondent was using her boyfriend's pharmacy account to get Hydrocodone. On that date, the Respondent was

interviewed and the Respondent admitted both verbally and in writing that she had fraudulently obtained the Hydrocodone between February and July 2011. The Respondent also admitted both verbally and in writing that her boyfriend, also an associate with the company, knew she was committing fraud to obtain the Hydrocodone and that he had actually picked up the Hydrocodone on at least two occasions. As a result of the above, the Respondent was immediately suspended from employment and later terminated from employment.

4. The pharmacy submitted a DEA theft and loss report, as required. The report indicated that the Respondent stole 272 tablets of Hydrocodone APAP 5/500 and 432 tablets of Hydrocodone BT-Ibuprofen.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As set forth above, an employee who steals narcotics from her employer is a threat to the public safety, health or welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this <u>35</u>th day of <u>January</u>, 2012, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted

by the Board by Md. St. Govt. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Rep. Vol.), the license held by the Respondent to practice as a Pharm Tech in Maryland, Registration No. T02532, is hereby SUMMARILY **SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED, that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a Pharm Tech and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board her wall certificate and wallet-sized license to practice as a Pharm Tech issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

LaVerne G, Naesea, Executive. Director Board of Pharmacy

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.